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The Honorable Paul Fong California State Assembly State Capitol Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: AB 80 (Fong) – As Introduced 1/3/11- SUPPORT

Dear Assemblyman Fong:

The County of San Bernardino is pleased to support AB 80. This legislation would move the presidential primary election from February to June in presidential election years and consolidates it with the statewide direct primary held in that year.

Under existing law, the presidential primary is scheduled to be held on the first Tuesday in February in any year that is evenly divisible by the number four, and prohibits the consolidation of the presidential primary with the statewide direct primary to be held in that year. AB 80 would eliminate the stand-alone presidential primary election, thereby saving counties millions of dollars and increasing voter turnout.

For these reasons, San Bernardino County supports AB 80. If you have any questions, please contact Josh Candelaria, Deputy Legislative Director, at (909) 387-4280.

Sincerely,

JOSIE GONZALES

Chair, Board of Supervisors